

## GAY AUTO RIDES FIGURE IN ROEHN SUITS FOR DIVORCE

Woman Friend of Mrs. Roehn  
Testifies She Went Along  
to Prevent Suspicion.

EACH ASKS FOR DECREE.

The Co-Respondent Named by  
Husband Makes Defense  
for Himself.

Mrs. Rhea Scully appeared to-day as a witness before Justice McCall in the Supreme Court and testified in the complicated matrimonial troubles of Ernest M. Roehn, a plumbing contractor in the Bronx, and Mrs. Ethel Roehn.

Mrs. Roehn asks for an absolute divorce, alleging that Mr. Roehn was seen in the Park Hotel at Park avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street, with two women. Mr. Roehn brings a counter suit for divorce. He names Arthur McMorley, another Bronx plumbing contractor, as co-respondent.

"I usually accompanied Mrs. Roehn when she went riding with Mr. McMorley in his automobile," Mrs. Scully testified. "After we three had been out together several times Mrs. Roehn said she would like to have Mr. McMorley meet Mr. Roehn as he could lodge him if he ever saw Roehn coming. Finally she introduced the man, calling Mr. McMorley 'Mr. Diarrow.' She told me she loved Mr. McMorley and would like to marry him, and she asked me if I would help put Mr. Roehn in a bad way so she could get a divorce."

WITNESS SAYS SHE KNEW  
CO-RESPONDENT WAS NAMED.

"Didn't she know Mr. McMorley was married and had a child?" asked counsel for McMorley, who is defending himself in his capacity of co-respondent.

"Yes," said the witness, "she knew that, but she said she didn't love his wife because she did not take proper care of his clothes."

"Later on," continued the witness, "Mr. Roehn was stopping up in Sullivan County for his health, and Mrs. Roehn, Mr. McMorley and I went in the car to see him. Mrs. Roehn rode beside Mr. McMorley in the front seat and I rode in the tonneau until we were near Mr. Roehn's place. Then she and I changed places. When we left Mrs. Roehn was seated alone in the tonneau, but as soon as we were out of sight she moved into the seat beside Mr. McMorley."

"Instead of coming straight to New York, we went to the Delaware Water Gap, McMorley agreed that they should spend the night there. I came back to New York on the evening train."

"When did you see Mrs. Roehn next?" asked J. N. Jacobson, attorney for Mr. Roehn.

"At about noon the next day," Mrs. Scully replied. "She said New York was the coolest place she had struck. Delaware Water Gap was so hot, she declared, that she and Mr. Roehn were much annoyed during the night."

"Did Mrs. Roehn say that she and Mr. McMorley occupied the same apartment?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Scully, blushing. "Roehn contends his wife conspired to have him counter-sued, and she with the women. McMorley denies that he is guilty of impropriety with Mrs. Roehn."

## THREE WIVES IN COURT TESTIFY THAT WELF IS SOME MARRYING MAN

Expecting to Face Only Two,  
He Is Overwhelmed and  
Admits He's a Bigamist.

Charles Welf, thirty-four years old, of No. 517 East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, early in life acquired the marrying habit, but he was arrested only for bigamy. He sat in Hazen court to-day before Magistrate Herbert and three of his wives. Two other wives were restrained from appearing at his trial owing to the fact that they had departed this life previous to the domestic branching out of the head of their families.

Welf pleaded guilty, for there was nothing else to be done. Magistrate Herbert held him for trial and fixed his bail at \$5,000, which he did not furnish.

Wife No. 1 was a pretty girl, Anna Heller, twenty-six years old, of No. 122 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street. She said that she had been married to Welf, who used the name of Martin Vamber, on Sept. 23, 1909, and has a child by him two years old. Wife No. 2 was married by Rabbi M. Seidel, who was in court prepared to testify. She had her eight-months-old child in her arms, and cared for three children of Welf by one of his wives now dead. Before her marriage she was Lena Weisberger.

Wife No. 3 was Miss Ida Krantz, thirty-five years old, and was married to Welf on Nov. 20, 1912. Rabbi Max Fried, who performed the ceremony, was in court. This wife said she had \$500 worth of jewelry, which her husband sold, and furnished the house in which they lived with the proceeds. They lived together for six weeks when she learned that he had another wife. She found the wife and both subscribed to the warrant on which he was arrested. Welf was restrained to see both wives in court, but when he saw wife No. 1 sitting within the rail he threw up his hands and gave up.

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## SHOULD THE WIFE BE THE BOSS? Last Article of a Series.

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### Let Her Fire the Cook and Run the House, but Not Mix in Hubby's Business Affairs



"Men Are Like Mules—If You Try to Force Them You Get Only a Kick for Your Pains—A Man Thinks He Is IT, So Let Him Think So," Writes "Adele L."

"Both Husband and Wife Should Confer on All Matters Relative to the Home and Its Government—Be Firm with Children," Says "R. G."

BY NIKOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

Should the wife be the boss? Yes, absolutely of the things which are properly within her province. And just as absolutely she should refrain from dictation or interference in matters within the jurisdiction of the other partner.

Yesterday a masculine reader, while agreeing with the general conception of marriage as a partnership, urged that in all partnerships there must be a supreme head, or arbiter, to whom disputed points should be submitted for final decision. Needless to say, he thought this court of last resort should be the husband.

And he is right, in so far as a decision may affect the special field which the husband as a partner has agreed with his wife should be regarded as his. But if the thing in dispute belongs properly to the special stewardship of the wife, then she is the absolute head, the final arbiter, the court of last resort. And if two partners differ beyond the possibility of reconciliation, they face, as all other partners face in the same dilemma—a dissolution.

There is no necessity in marriage for the single court of last resort. The duties of the two partners in the business of matrimony are so divergent, so differentiated, that a husband has about as much business to boss his wife in matters which are properly her concern as the Secretary of the Treasury would have if he undertook to tell the Secretary of the Interior how to run his department. And, needless to say, the wife—the Secretary of the Interior, to carry out the comparison—has everything she can manage in looking after her own affairs.

LET THE WIFE FIRE THE COOK AND SUCH.

To define the respective duties of the partners in matrimony seems elementary and unnecessary. It is obvious that if the wife wants to change the butcher or discharge the cook, her decision on those and similar points should be considered as final. Similarly if the husband as Secretary of the Treasury decides that he is paying more rent than he can afford or that the interests of his business require that the family should remove to another city, he is entitled to the last and determining word.

There are, of course, matters which are less easily classified as the husband's or the wife's special business, or preoccupation. Many things are separable in this way, and in a well-balanced family each has power and authority enough to satisfy him or her, and both should be ready to arbitrate the other's.

There are few difficulties in saying partnership which cannot be met and mastered by intelligent, reasonable and sympathetic discussion, and the only successful arbiters of the differences between a husband and a wife is their love for each other. The Magnus Conference of the home should take place between the man and the woman most concerned. In such matters the nearest and dearest, other than these two, are, and should be kept, outsiders.

There is absolutely no justification or excuse for the wife who prattles of her domestic difficulties to practically every woman she knows. It is a disconcerting thought that men are so much more loyal in the little things, and women in the big things of marriage, that more women than men perpetrate the little infidelities and disloyalties of speech.

NO OUTSIDERS SHOULD BE CALLED IN.

No mother, no sister, no friend, is competent to arbitrate between a woman and her husband, and should not be called upon to do so. If loving each other, they cannot settle their difficulties alone, then there is no hope for their partnership. It is actually the husband who feels that he is entitled to the final word on all matters within and without the household, and he is right. It is a disconcerting thought that men are so much more loyal in the little things, and women in the big things of marriage, that more women than men perpetrate the little infidelities and disloyalties of speech.

## HOWARD GOULD SUED BY HIS FORMER WIFE FOR MILLINERY BILL

Starts Litigation as He Buses  
Himself With Preparations on  
Eve of Sister's Wedding.

On the eve of the day on which his sister, Miss Helen Gould, is to be married to Finley J. Shepard, Howard Gould has been served with notice to defend a legal action brought against him by Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould, the wife who obtained a legal separation from him with annual alimony of \$2,000.

Howard Gould is so busy preparing for the nuptials and entertaining his other sister, the Duchess de Talleyrand, with her husband, the Duke, and their little son, the Prince de Sagan, that he is unable to accept service of the notice of trial in his wife's action. His attorney, Representative Martin W. Littleton, performed this legal formality for him.

Fortunately, however, Mr. Gould will have ten days to recover from the strain attendant upon so impressive a

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## GLEAN, DON'T ASK, VIOLET ASQUITH'S TIP TO REPORTERS

Daughter of British Prime Minister,  
Going Home, Regrets  
Newspapermen's Curiosity.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II. sailed for Europe to-day with a large passenger list for this time of the year. There were over 400 cabin passengers and the staterooms were well filled. Among the passengers were Violet Asquith, the daughter of the Premier of England, and the Countess of Aberdeen, who have been in the United States on a sight-seeing trip.

Miss Asquith's mother was reported in London to be the subject of William Watson's poem, "A Woman With a Serpent's Tongue," but that Miss Asquith herself possibly enjoys a reputation in London for sharp-tongued conversation was made evident by her comments on methods of American journalism. The reporters and newspapermen of this country, she said, are too curious, too indiscreet, too devoted to searching out matters of no interest save to the persons directly concerned.

"In England," she said, "we allow the pressmen to approach and glean information. We do not allow them to question us on matters proposed by themselves."

When asked if the "gleaning" system is not likely to breed inaccurate and irresponsible reports of the doings of public persons Miss Asquith said she did not think so. She was quite caustic in her comments on the photographers who dog the steps of the prominent and refused to admit the English photographer is as ubiquitous and daring as his American rival.

As to society, literature, art, politics, architecture, railroad travel, hotels, suffrage, the drama or the weather in the United States, Miss Asquith had formed no opinions for expression. Neither had the Countess of Aberdeen.

Violet Asquith, a member of the noted Daily family of comedians, was a passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. The erstwhile sylphlike and Agile Violet is no longer such.

"No," she said sadly, "I'm not going abroad to play in London or Paris or Berlin. I'm going to a place called Kissingen, in Germany, where they engage to take fat old people. Gase on me. I weigh 155 pounds. I should weigh not more than 125. The Kissingen treatment, I hope, will separate me from that twenty-seven points of excess too, too solid flesh."

"I am careful about eating, take especial care and follow all rules looking to keeping the flesh under control, but I get stout just the same. So I think it must be singing that makes me fat—the deep breathing necessary to proper use of the voice. You'll notice that nearly all women singers are stout, and many of the men singers, too."

"I say, Miss Violet," put in Ewan Justice, the champion heavyweight of the North German Lloyd passenger department, "if you find they are able to make good out there at Kissingen, would you mind dropping me a line to that effect?"

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## BOY HEROES SAVE BURNING FLAG AT BLAZE IN SCHOOL

Pair Rush From Fire Drill Line  
and Scorch Hands Snatching  
"Old Glory."

The big incident in a fire scare in Public School No. 22, at No. 237 West Thirty-fifth street, this afternoon, was the rescue of the American flag by two little lads, bearing the good old Colonial names of Oscar Tumerito and John Patrick Keenan. They got their hands blistered, too, and this is how it happened:

Principal John Gracioso has a desk on a platform in the assembly room on the top floor of the four-story building, which accommodates 1,000 pupils. Besides the assembly room which was unoccupied at the time, there are seven class rooms on the top floor. All the pupils on this floor, 30 in number, are boys.

Back of the assembly room and separated from it by curtains is the classroom of Miss McLaughlin, who teaches thirty boys. One of these, John Rossi, seated in the rear of the room, saw smoke coming through the curtains, stood up and notified the teacher, with raised hand, in a matter-of-fact way. The platform in the assembly room was on fire.

Miss McLaughlin immediately sent Rossi and several other boys to inform the other teachers on the floor, and two of these teachers, William Van Cott and Albert Papp, sounded the fire drill bell and started for water buckets kept for the purpose of extinguishing fires before they can get a start in the mean time the boys had formed in line and were firing out.

Passing through the hall, some of the boys could see the fire through the open doorway of the assembly room. Little Tumerito and Keenan noticed that the

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American flag, draped in front of the principal's desk, was in danger. "Please, miss," they asked their teacher, "can we go in and get the flag?"

Permission was given. Tumerito and Keenan stepped out of line, ran into the assembly room, tore the smoldering flag from the desk and caught up with their classmates before they had reached the ground floor.

All the pupils were in the street in less than two minutes. Mr. Van Cott extinguished the fire with three buckets of water, and ten minutes after the fire drill was sounded the children were back in their classrooms. Somebody turned in a fire alarm, but the firemen had nothing to do except make an inspection of the scorched desk and platform and the blistered hands of Oscar Tumerito and John Patrick Keenan.

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